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For: **SETTLEMENT PROCESSING APPARATUS, SYSTEM, METHOD, AND PROGRAM THEREOF, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING THE PROGRAM**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: